

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O
ALBERT-EDEN 2017

Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2017



**Albert-Eden
Local Board**
Auckland Council



Mihi

Titiro ki te Pane o Horoiwi,
ka whakapukepuke, ka whakatiketike ki waho rā.
He kawau, he kawau, he kawau!
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna ki
Te Waitematā.
Ko koutou ēna e ngā mataawaka
i rite ai te kōrero,
*Ngā waka o Taikehu me he kāhui kātaha
kapi-tai, ka eke!*
Kua eke, hui e, tāiki e!
Te noho nei au i te kūrae i Takaparawhā,
ka titiro whakawaho ki a koe Aotea
e tū hihiwa mai rā i te pae o te moana o Hauraki.
Ka hoki whakaroto ake aku mihi ki a Waiheke,
ki a Rangitoto te pueanga mutunga
a te moana.
Kia ū mai anō au ki te one i Ōkahu,
kia takahia e au te rārangi maunga i uta.
Ki te tonga ko Maungarei,
kei raro ko te Kōpua Kai a Hiku.
Ka rere mā roto ki Puketāpapa,
kia piki au ki Maungakiekie,
Tūpō-o-te-tini.
Ka whakamau taku haere
mā te Ahikāroa a Rakataura kia taka atu au
ki te Ara Whakapeka o Ruarangi.
I konā ka aro tika atu au ki a koe e Maungawhau
te tū whakahira tonu mai nā i te pū o te wheke,
kua werohia nei e te Tūkoi o te Rangī,
kia pokanoa au ki te pepeha
a Tītahi,
*“Koia te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā
i ōku wairangitanga”,
kia whakaotihia noa ai ki te kōrero rā,
“Te pai me te whai rawa o Tāmaki.”*

Look to the sandbanks at Achilles Point,
rising majestically out there.
It is the visiting cormorant!
It has alighted onto the beach of the oyster-catcher.
A distinguished visitor has come to
the Waitematā.
It is you the descendants of the ancient voyagers,
those who embody the axiom,
*The canoes of Taikehu, like shoals of herrings
on the tide, you have arrived!*
The connections are made!
So here I sit on the headland at Bastion Point,
and I look out to Great Barrier Island
shimmering on the Hauraki Harbour.
Returning my gaze to Waiheke
and then to Rangitoto, the last gift
from the sea.
Once more I stand on the shore at Ōkahu,
from where I can traverse the ancient peaks.
To the south is Maungarei
below which lies the Panmure Basin.
Flying inland I come to Puketāpapa
from where I scale Maungakiekie,
resting place of many who have passed on.
I follow then the pathway
to Mt Albert down
into Pt Chevalier.
From there I return to Mt Eden,
shining gem at the heart of the great city,
lanced by the sky tower
so that I might appropriate the prophecy
of Tītahi who said.
*“A tower that will stand in the Waitematā -
that is what I saw in my feverish dream”,
and to end it with the maxim,
“So flows the goodness and riches of Tāmaki”.*

Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover: Li Bingci Wu Style Tai Chi
New Zealand Branch at Potters Park,
Balmoral, one of the many great parks in
the Albert-Eden Local Board area.

He kōrero mai i te Heamana From the Chair



Our Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2017 builds on our work over the past seven years to make Albert-Eden a safer, livelier, greener place that is easier to traverse, cherishes its heritage, and offers better choices to play, work and do business.

Over this time, the board has helped the council's Governing Body develop the plans, policies and positions needed to respond to the regional challenges resulting from unprecedented growth and historic underinvestment in infrastructure. We have taken our role of representing the voice of Albert-Eden people and businesses to our hearts.

We see community engagement as continuous, and critical to what we do. We were, therefore, pleased with the relatively high level of feedback we received from our community on our draft plan. Our board area had the second highest community feedback of all the Auckland local boards. We were particularly pleased to see comments from a mix of the diverse groups that make up our community.

I'd like to acknowledge all of those who took the time to give us feedback. Most especially, I acknowledge the efforts of our Albert-Eden Youth Board in engaging our children and young people to share their thoughts on what they value in our area.

It was encouraging to see that your

feedback was largely in support of the draft plan and our chosen outcome areas, particularly our focus on building a strong community, making the most of our community spaces and protecting our environment. We have taken on board your feedback to develop this final version of the plan.

In response to what you have told us, this plan sets out seven outcome areas to guide our efforts over the next three years.

We will continue to prioritise improving our community centres, community facilities and shared outdoor spaces to enhance the lives of everyone in our community. We will work to ensure the environment in Albert-Eden is safe, clean and healthy, and support our community to be leaders in implementing and promoting sustainable practices. We will try to protect and share the important cultural and historical features of our area. We will continue to support our local businesses to sustain a strong local economy.

The board also advocates on your behalf. We will be seeking to influence the impact of the large-scale development projects in our area. As Albert-Eden grows, we must ensure housing, business and transport developments impact positively on our community. We will continue to strive to

We will endeavour
to protect and share
the important cultural
and historical features
of our area.

deliver your preferred projects, while at the same time keeping pace with a rapidly diversifying and growing area. The ongoing engagement we have had with you makes us confident that we can address these challenges together.

At all times, the board strives to maximise value from our spending and to keep spending down. This means reviewing capital projects and deferring progress until costs reduce, or trimming work as we had to recently in Potters Park. We will continue to make sure you are able to have your say on large funding decisions.

Our area benefits from having a highly engaged community, and we will continue to look at innovative ways to foster regular engagement with residents and businesses,

and build strong relationships with many groups across our community. We believe that community-led initiatives, like the Sandringham Reserve upgrade, bring the best outcomes.

We remain committed to building a strong, connected and resilient Albert-Eden community, and empowering you to participate in shaping the future of our area. We look forward to hearing your views, and working with you over the next three years.

Peter Haynes

Chairperson, Albert-Eden Local Board

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

We will focus on seven outcomes to guide our work and make Albert-Eden a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Mt Albert 150 years of local government celebrations at Ferndale House, Mt Albert.



Playground at Potters Park, Balmoral.



Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.

Outcome 1: Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community

We are all proud to live in Albert-Eden and feel that we belong. Our community is connected and everyone’s involvement is welcomed. We are able to come together to support each other, and to celebrate our diversity.

Outcome 2: Our parks are enjoyed by all

Everyone can access the parks we share in Albert-Eden, and use them in ways that enhance their lifestyles. As a community we feel a shared ownership of our parks, and we take care of them together.

Outcome 3: Our community spaces are well used by everyone

Our shared facilities underpin our strong community. They provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of people of all ethnicities and ages. We have spaces that are inviting, flexible and well used by multiple community groups.



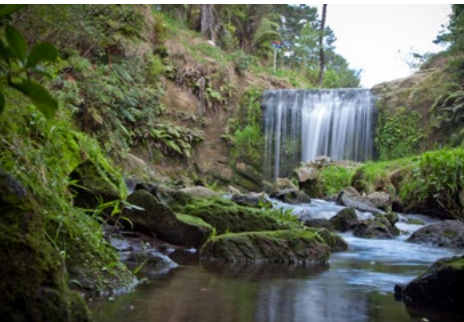
Dominion Road shops.



The Waterview shared paths and walkways are a great way to travel between Mt Albert, Pt Chevalier and Waterview.



Marivare Reserve Memorial Archway in Epsom honours men who lost their lives during World War 1.



The local board is actively involved with the restoration and protection of Oakley Creek.

Outcome 4: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy

Our town centres are attractive to locals and visitors alike. Our local businesses are well supported and thriving, driving a strong local economy that creates opportunities for everyone in Albert-Eden. Well-established business networks foster innovation, growth and sustainability.

Outcome 5: Travelling around Albert-Eden is safe and easy

It is simple to travel between the many places in our area that people want to visit. We have a range of options to meet the different needs of our community. We have quality public transport and our streets are safe and enjoyable to use.

Outcome 6: Our natural and cultural heritage is valued

Our community has a strong awareness of our area’s heritage. We are proud of the features that give our area its unique character, and work together to protect and preserve them.

Outcome 7: We respect and protect our environment

Our community cares for our environment and develops innovative ways to look after it. Our natural landscape is healthy and well looked after.

Te Rohe ā-Poari o
Albert-Eden
Albert-Eden
Local Board area



1. Meola Creek

2. Pt Chevalier town centre

3. Chamberlain Park

4. Rocket Park

5. Mt Albert town centre

6. Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek

7. Ōwairaka / Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mt Albert
8. Sandringham village

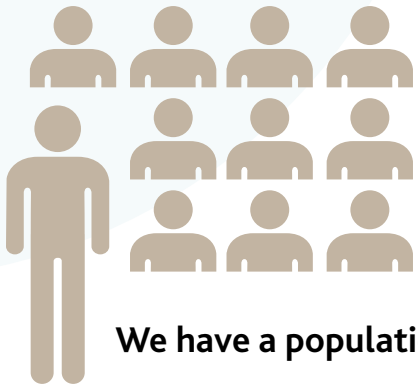
9. Potters Park

10. Maungawhau / Mt Eden

11. Mt Eden village

12. Te Kōpuke / Titikōpuke/ Mt St John

13. Greenwoods Corner



We have a population of just over

100,000

that is projected to reach 127,000 by 2033.

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iwi have ties to
our area



Distinctive villages including Mt Eden,
Kingsland, Sandringham, Balmoral,
Mt Albert and Pt Chevalier.



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Three maunga surround the area – Maungawhau / Mt Eden, Ōwairaka /
Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mt Albert and Te Kōpuke/ Titikōpuke / Mt St John



We are home to more
than 105 local parks,
three libraries,
13 community
centres and halls



Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2015) and Population Projections (2013-base).



Waterview skate and BMX park.

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe me ā mātou mahere

About local boards and our plans

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 Governing Body members) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

These local issues, activities and services include:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

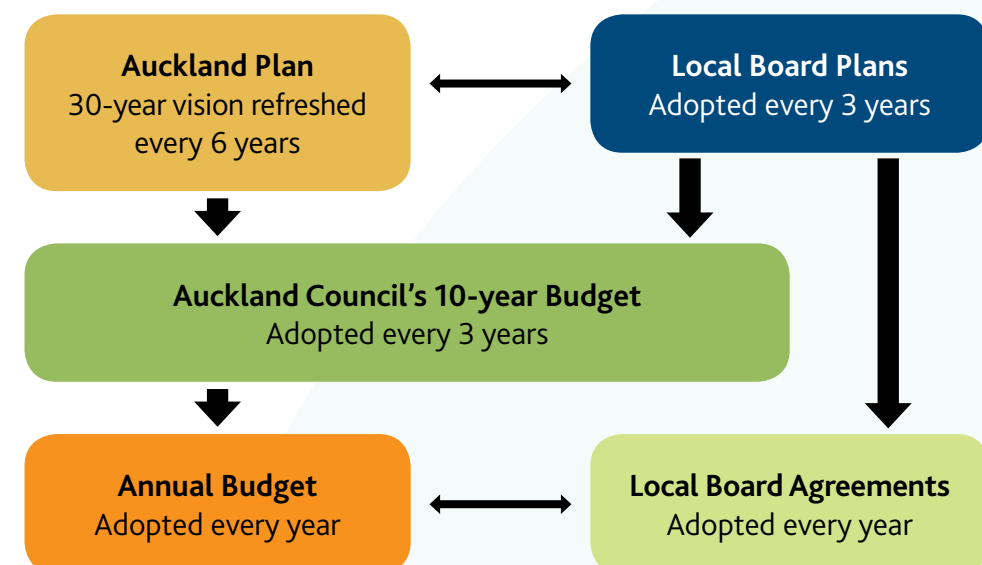
Local boards also have a role in representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic documents that are developed every three years to set a direction for local boards. Reflecting community priorities and preferences, the plans guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan (the 30-year vision for Auckland), the council's 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) and annual budgets.

Local board agreements

A key role of local board plans is to provide a basis for developing annual local board agreements. Agreed between the council's Governing Body and local boards, these are part of Auckland Council's budget setting process and they set out local funding priorities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year. Each local board develops annual work programmes alongside adoption of their local board agreement.





Coyle Park, Point Chevalier.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere **Developing our plan**

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them. To make this happen will take the efforts of many working together.

During May and June 2017 we consulted on a draft of this plan for feedback. The draft was developed by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you over the last six years and heard your views on a wide range of things.

To ensure we reflected your needs and desires for Albert-Eden in the plan, we engaged with the different parts of our community at a range of events and activities across the board area to hear your feedback. The issues and priorities you

raised with us through all of these interactions helped us finalise our 2017 local board plan.

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Mt Albert 150 years of local government celebrations at Ferndale House, Mt Albert.

Whakaotinga 1: He kaha tonu te wairua ā-hapori i roto o Albert-Eden

Outcome 1: Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community

We are all proud to live in Albert-Eden and feel that we belong. Our community is connected and everyone's involvement is welcomed. We are able to come together to support each other, and to celebrate our diversity.

We will continue to develop our community-led approach, empowering local people and groups to design and deliver activity that builds community, celebrates diversity and fosters unity.

Enabling different parts of our community to participate will continue to be a major focus for the local board. We have large and growing groups of elders, migrants and people with all levels of abilities with much to contribute and we will support them to do so. We will provide opportunities for children and young people to get involved in the life of their community.

Arts and events in our community create a sense of belonging and pride, and help bring people together in our parks and community facilities.

“ You have told us that feeling safe in our neighbourhoods is important. We will support initiatives that focus on crime prevention and safer communities in our local area as a priority. ”

We know young people particularly value opportunities to play and take part in sport and recreation, community events and gatherings. We provide grants for a wide range of community groups to run their own events and have a dedicated events fund to sponsor or fund large-scale community events. Our community events are popular and well attended, and we will continue to support them.

You have told us that feeling safe in our neighbourhoods is important. We will support initiatives that focus on crime prevention and safer communities in our local area as a priority.

We have an amazing network of volunteers in Albert-Eden and we recognise the valuable contribution they make to our community. We will work to support our volunteers so they can continue their excellent work.

Opportunities

- Our community thinks Albert-Eden is a great place to live and values a strong sense of community.
- Our Asian communities want opportunities to learn about our indigenous Māori culture and share their distinct and rich cultures with the wider community. The Albert-Eden area also has significant Māori connections. Exploring and celebrating the diverse cultures of our community can grow understanding and unity and shape our Albert-Eden identity. Increasing the participation of traditionally disconnected groups, such as our growing number of youth and elders, will enrich our community.
- Members of our community – particularly Māori, Pasifika, Asian and Middle Eastern groups – would like to see intergenerational programmes, activities and events to encourage families to spend time together informally in their communities.

Challenges

- Safety remains a key issue. The 2016 Quality of Life Survey identified three safety issues respondents were highly concerned about: theft from cars, alcohol and drug problems, and the resultant anti-social behaviours.
- Pressure on the housing market means increasing uncertainty for members of our community who rent, making it harder for them to feel a sense of belonging. The number of those affected by homelessness in our community has also increased.
- There are members of our community who are vulnerable and we need to look at ways to support them.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

- “Engagement of the local community in order to support volunteers is vital.”
- “We like the emphasis on community and empowering people in our local communities to take responsibility for their locality, environment and development.”
- “I particularly like the frequent references to cultural diversity and terms such as ‘acknowledge cultural practices and events’ and commitment to spaces to meet different cultural needs.”

Outcome 1: Albert-Eden has a strong sense of community

Objective	Key initiatives
People feel a sense of belonging and are connected to their community.	Review programmes at council facilities to support greater integration and inclusiveness of members of our diverse communities, including all ages and abilities.
	Champion accessibility as a key consideration in all development of public spaces and buildings.
	Look for opportunities to create community hubs, which bring many different groups and activities together in one place. For example, we will continue advocating to the Governing Body for a seniors’ hub that provides a place to meet and access resources or services.
People feel safe in their communities.	Support events that promote and celebrate the unique spaces and places in the board area. Priorities are community-focused events in parks and neighbourhoods, such as Neighbours Day, Brazilian Day Festival, Music in Parks and Movies in Parks, which help to bring young families together to meet their neighbours and have fun at no cost.
	Continue to support the Albert-Eden Youth Board and other groups working with children and young people.
People value the diversity of our Albert-Eden community.	Continue to work with business associations and community groups to identify areas where there are problems, and address these through joint initiatives including public education programmes.
	Continue the Albert-Eden arts broker programme to work with creative individuals and organisations, and ensure the different Albert-Eden communities have access to and can participate in the arts.
	Assess community needs for a dedicated art space, which could be shared by groups and would provide a setting to create, learn, perform and exhibit.



With its recent upgrade, Potters Park in Balmoral is more popular than ever.

Whakaotinga 2: He wāhi
hākinakina ō mātou papa
rēhia nō te katoa

Outcome 2: Our parks are enjoyed by all

Everyone can access the parks we share in Albert-Eden, and use them in ways that enhance their lifestyles. As a community we feel a shared ownership of our parks, and we take care of them together.

Albert-Eden has approximately 105 parks, including larger parks like Potters and Coyle, and a number of small neighbourhood reserves. We know you really value our parks, and it is important we balance the needs of different groups within our community and make the most of the open space we have.

We look forward to developing the Albert-Eden Open Space Network Plan, which will reflect the council's provision targets as outlined in its Open Space Provision Policy 2016 and therefore help inform our future planning and advocacy. We note that the provision targets relate to a variety of matters including proximity to other open space, walking distance to surrounding residential areas, and the range of recreational opportunities provided.

“ We are planning for the future. With housing intensification, our parks will increasingly be extensions of our back gardens. ”

We take a kaitiakitanga (guardianship) approach with our parks, and will continue to encourage you to do the same. This means we take a whole-of-park consideration in the way we manage our parks. We treat any development as an opportunity to improve every aspect, from the natural environment to facilities, signs and pathways. It also means we try to minimise neighbourhood disruption when doing any improvements and consider the range of needs of different users when developing parks.

We are planning for the future. With housing intensification, our parks will increasingly be extensions of our back gardens and provide important spaces for our community to come together outdoors. We will continue to advocate for more parks, particularly leveraging development activity, and look at ways to link or expand existing open spaces. We will continue to look at ways we can ensure our parks are usable spaces all year round.

Opportunities

- Auckland Council’s Sportsfields Capacity Development Programme provides a framework for us to advocate for upgrades that make more of our fields usable all year round.
- Our extensive playgrounds, developed in response to the recreational and play needs of our children, create spaces loved by our community and people travel from all over Auckland to enjoy them.
- There is strong community interest in helping care for and develop our parks, such as eco-neighbourhood projects and volunteers in our parks.

Challenges

- Population growth and increasing density inevitably places more demand on our parks. The amount of open space per capita in our area, and adjacent Waitematā Local Board, is limited. Opportunities to acquire new open space in our area are scant due to the lack of availability of suitable land and the cost of land in our area. We will look at ways of providing for increasing and diversifying demand within established suburbs by developing the existing network to accommodate a wider range of activities, improving linkages to existing open space and acquiring new open space as opportunities allow.
- We need to ensure our communities are engaged and kept well informed about park developments.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

- “Parks need to be adaptable and multi-purposed so we can use them for recreation, sporting and social activities all year around.”
- “More emphasis on small sport facilities for teenagers to access is needed. Small corner parks should have a basketball hoop and concrete pad.”
- “The idea of walkways and cycleways to parks is great but once there, the parks need to provide great amenities.”

Outcome 2: Our parks are enjoyed by all

Objective	Key initiatives
Our parks are well maintained, appropriately developed, and our community feels a sense of ownership of them.	<p>Continue our parks capital development and renewals programme and look for opportunities to use whole-of-park and community-led approaches.</p> <p>Encourage our community to take guardianship of our parks, through initiatives such as schools adopting a park and by supporting volunteer programmes in our parks.</p>
Our parks meet the needs of our growing population and our diverse communities.	<p>Progress the implementation of the Chamberlain Park Masterplan. The board will deliver the development of the local park and playground, new paths and cycleways, and restoration of the Waititiko / Meola Creek. There is also provision for a quality nine-hole golf course and driving range.</p> <p>Develop an Albert-Eden Open Space Network Plan to identify actions to improve local parks and open space. The plan would also support advocacy to acquire more open space and to secure public access where there is a need.</p> <p>Continue to update and carry out the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan and develop new connections to existing parks.</p> <p>Progress the implementation of the Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek Action Plan, and the Motu Mānawa Marine Boardwalk to connect Heron Park and Howlett Reserve.</p> <p>Audit key parks to assess their accessibility for people of different abilities, their suitability for recreational and cultural use, and as venues for events. This will help inform our future planning to meet the needs of our whole community.</p>



Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.



Whakaotinga 3: He nui te whakamahia o ngā wāhi tū wātea o te hāpori e te katoa

Outcome 3: Our community spaces are well used by everyone

Our shared facilities underpin our strong community. They provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of people of all ethnicities and ages. We have spaces that are inviting, flexible and well used by multiple community groups.

Our community facilities include our libraries, recreation centres, halls and other community buildings. These facilities play a crucial role in building a sense of community by supporting people to learn, develop and participate through involvement in groups and activities.

You have told us you value social connectedness, so we will ensure our community spaces encourage and support people coming together. We will invest in our community centres at Epsom, Mt Albert, Sandringham and Pt Chevalier, and our community halls and other buildings to ensure they provide good-quality, affordable and accessible facilities for you to hire and use.

We will look for new ways to leverage our facilities so there are community spaces to meet all of our different needs. We will make the most of the space we have by encouraging multi-use and sharing of facilities where possible.

Community libraries at Epsom, Pt Chevalier and Mt Albert and the Citizens Advice Bureau at Mt Albert are crucial community facilities. They will continue to provide core services and programmes for the community.

You have told us that it's important for our recreational facilities to offer programmes that encourage and support people of all ethnicities, abilities and ages to become more active. The board will continue to support the Mt Albert Community and Recreation Centre to provide organised sports and activity targeted at a range of people, alongside quality fitness facilities.

We will monitor the types of sport, recreation and other activities that are increasing in popularity and understand the growing uses of our community spaces to identify trends. This will help inform our planning, allocation, funding and advocacy for our facilities.

We will work to build stronger relationships with the tenants in our community lease buildings to identify where we can support them better and ensure our facilities continue to be well used.

Opportunities

- The Report we commissioned in 2016, called Ways to improve access to and effectiveness of Albert-Eden Community Facilities, has provided an understanding of how you are using our facilities now, and will help us make the most of our facilities in the future.
- We have community houses and community leases located near town centres and public transport hubs. These could be developed to provide additional community spaces near upgraded town centres, and make it easier for people to visit.

Challenges

- Our population is growing, so our community facilities will face increasing demand.
- Awareness within the community about the types and availability of council and other community facilities needs to be improved.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “The Mt Albert Aquatic Centre pool is a critical asset in the community.”
- “The intensification that is planned must be accompanied by additional recreational facilities.”
- “Carefully managed and multi-purpose community centres bring people together.”

Outcome 3: Our community spaces are well used by everyone

Objective	Key initiatives
Our facilities provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of our community.	Ensure our halls and four community centres at Epsom, Mt Albert, Sandringham and Pt Chevalier are upgraded and well maintained so that local groups will be encouraged to use their facilities.
	Continue to advocate to the Governing Body through the council’s 10-year Budget process for a replacement pool in Mt Albert or another appropriate Albert-Eden site.
	Build stronger relationships with the groups leasing our facilities so that we can stay aware of their good work in the community.
Our community facilities strengthen our community.	Ensure our community has access to relevant programmes for new migrants, people with mixed abilities, youth and older people.



The Epsom Community Centre garden is one of Albert-Eden’s growing suite of community gardens.



With its mix of heritage and eclectic style, colour and character, Dominion Road is one of Auckland's best-loved streets.

Whakaotinga 4: He wāhi whai hua ngā pokapū tāone o Albert-Eden me te tupu o te ōhanga ā-rohe

Outcome 4: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy

Our town centres are attractive to locals and visitors alike. Our local businesses are well supported and thriving, driving a strong local economy that creates opportunities for everyone in Albert-Eden. Well-established business networks foster innovation, growth and sustainability.

A strong local economy means more jobs and opportunities for everyone in our community.

We have a well-educated population and a large proportion of local jobs in knowledge-intensive industries, including fast-growing sectors like biotechnology. We will work to support local businesses looking to innovate and grow.

You have told us you want vibrant village centres that are safe, accessible, people-friendly and attractive to everyone. We will continue looking for innovative ways to upgrade our town centres and make the best use of council property; to create civic spaces which are inviting and will adapt to meet the changing needs of local businesses in the future. We will also support arts and events that bring people to our town centres.

We have an active business community driving local economic development activity. The board has strong partnerships with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Mt Eden, Dominion Road, Kingsland and Uptown.

Our relationships with our business associations and business groups in Mt Albert, Sandringham, Pt Chevalier, Greenwoods Corner and Balmoral are very important to us. We will continue supporting them and other local business groups with capacity-building grants and advice.

Each of our village centres has a unique identity. We will continue to work with business groups to make their village centres attractive destinations for locals and visitors.

Albert-Eden is home to a number of key assets of regional significance and large event and tourism facilities, such as Maungawhau / Mt Eden, ASB Showgrounds and Eden Park Stadium. We will continue to look for opportunities to leverage these for future economic growth.

Opportunities

- The Sandringham Community Vision Plan will help the board to prioritise planning for Sandringham town centre in the future.
- We have well-established BIDs in Mt Eden, Dominion Road and Kingsland that have strong relationships with the board. We anticipate that there will be new or expanded BIDs in the future.
- We can look at ways to build on the unique identities of town centres to make them more resilient to the expansion of the St Lukes Mall.
- The development of the City Rail Link could result in significant potential for growth in Albert-Eden.
- The Auckland Unitary Plan has zoned a new town centre in Greenlane.
- Demolition of the Dominion Road flyover would unlock surrounding land for comprehensive redevelopment.

Challenges

- We will need to manage disruption to town centres from development, such as from light rail down Dominion Road.
- Future communities at Unitec, Alexandra Park and development at Ōwairaka, St Lukes and Greenlane must be well planned.
- Gross domestic product and employment growth over the last decade in our area has lagged compared with the Auckland average.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “Keep our villages alive and vital.”
- “Thriving town centres need significant investment to be pleasant places to visit, stay and enjoy.”
- “Town centres should be planned around people not cars.”

Outcome 4: Albert-Eden has thriving town centres and a growing local economy

Objective	Key initiatives
Local businesses are well supported and thriving.	<p>Celebrate the success of our small businesses through our Albert-Eden Business Awards. The awards recognise the quality of local businesses and showcase them to the wider Auckland area.</p> <p>Continue to engage with local business associations and support them with capacity-building grants. We will also encourage innovation and local entrepreneurship.</p>
Our town centres are attractive destinations.	<p>Advocate to the Governing Body and Auckland Transport for additional funding to upgrade Balmoral and Eden Valley village centres as part of any future Dominion Road upgrades, particularly the light rail project. We want to ensure we take advantage of any planned work like this to make our town centres better.</p> <p>Complete the Mt Albert town centre streetscape upgrade and plan for the Mt Albert civic square.</p> <p>Deliver Sandringham, Greenwoods Corner and Pt Chevalier town centre upgrades.</p> <p>Ensure the Albert-Eden Art Broker programme continues to work with business associations and BIDs on activities, programmes and events that bring more people to the centres and create interest and excitement.</p>



Whakaotinga 5:
Ko te haereere noa i
Albert-Eden he mahi
āhuru me te māmā

Outcome 5: Travelling around Albert-Eden is safe and easy

It is simple to travel between the many places in our area that people want to visit. We have a range of options to meet the different needs of our community. We have quality public transport and our streets are safe and enjoyable to use.

The board has a large role to play in representing our community's needs and views to Auckland Transport (AT), as transport infrastructure plans are made and implemented. Working with AT, we will focus on providing a range of travel options that make it easy for everyone to move around Albert-Eden.

You have said having good public transport options is important, both within Albert-Eden and to other places. We will support your use of public transport by working with AT to ensure it meets the needs of different groups within our community.

We know you really value being able to travel around our area using pathways and walkways. We will continue to improve the safety and quality of our walkways and cycleways, and expand our network by linking different sections across Albert-Eden and with neighbouring suburbs.

You have told us that safety is a concern when walking or cycling and around our schools and town centres. We will look to incorporate the Vision Zero principles of designing roads with people's needs and safety as the highest priority. We will look at ways to slow traffic in our streets and make improvements for more enjoyable walking and cycling. We will also support community initiatives focused on safety around our schools.

You have told us it's important that our footpaths and roads are well maintained. We will continue to advocate to AT and other stakeholders for high-quality maintenance of footpaths, roads, lighting and stormwater, to ensure accessibility for everyone.

We will continue to work closely with AT to raise our community's specific interests and concerns and, given the board's leading role in local placemaking, will help shape the planning of local and regional transport projects. We will also look for opportunities to leverage these projects to create additional benefits for our area.



Waterview Shared Path opened in October 2017.

Opportunities

- We have created the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan, which sets out future local paths development.
- We can use AT’s Local Board Transport Capital Fund to leverage existing projects for local benefits, such as including town centre upgrades in Balmoral and Eden Terrace as part of AT’s Dominion Road bus lane upgrade.

Challenges

- Congestion is an issue on our main roads at peak times.
- Development of large housing projects will increase road congestion and the pressure on public transport.
- There are safety issues and lack of accessibility at Greenlane rail station.
- We need to balance the needs of people traveling through Albert-Eden with those of local road users.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

- “We need to have more separated cycleways, safe pedestrian crossings and better public transport.”
- “We support cycling, cycleways, cycle or bike infrastructure. This is important for reducing traffic in Auckland as well as carbon emissions.”
- “It is really important to provide safe ways for people of all ages to get around without using a car. My kids ride to school. I’d love it if there were lots more parents who would let their kids do likewise but that won’t happen unless the infrastructure is there.”

Outcome 5: Travelling around Albert-Eden is safe and easy

Objective	Key initiatives
We have transport options that are easy to access and suit the different needs of our community.	Implement the planned network of park and road connections as prioritised in the Albert-Eden Greenways Plan, particularly those that link town centres and transport hubs. A key project will be the development of a shared path through Chamberlain Park.
	Advocate to Auckland Transport (AT) for high-quality public transport infrastructure, such as light rail along Dominion, Sandringham, Mt Eden and Manukau roads.
	Look for opportunities to extend existing cycleways and incorporate new ones into road projects and transport hubs. For example, we will consider how to make it easier for people to travel by bike or foot when we are planning the upgrades of town centres in Sandringham, Pt Chevalier and Greenwoods Corner.
	Ensure public transport is accessible by investigating and advocating to AT for parking near public transport stations, clear signs and safe accessways that people of all abilities can use. For example, we will look at options to improve access to and usability of the Greenlane rail station.
Our streets are safe and enjoyable to use.	Continue to investigate options to reduce speeding and traffic volumes in residential streets, such as the Carrington Road area and Pt Chevalier.
	Work with local schools and community groups to support AT initiatives to improve pedestrian and cycling safety around schools.
	Advocate to AT for all road developments to prioritise the safety of users .

Marivare Reserve Memorial Archway, Epsom.



Whakaotinga 6:
E manawanuitia ana ā
matou taonga taketake,
tuku iho anō hoki

Outcome 6: Our natural and cultural heritage is valued

Our community has a strong awareness of our area's heritage. We are proud of the features that give our area its unique character, and work together to protect and preserve them.

We know you value our natural and cultural heritage. We will continue to encourage and support community-led initiatives that aim to protect and share our heritage.

You have told us that understanding the Māori cultural heritage of our area is important, particularly for new members of our community. We will work with mana whenua to ensure our many Māori heritage sites are clearly identified and protected.

Our maunga – Maungawhau / Mt Eden, Ōwairaka / Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mt Albert and Te Kōpuke / Titikōpuke / Mt St John – are of great historical, spiritual and cultural significance to local Māori. We will work with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, established to ensure sensitive management of all volcanic features, to ensure our three maunga are well protected and appreciated.

Our iconic villas and rock walls date back to the 19th century and give our suburbs their unique character. You have told us you are concerned that heritage features such as these are not being preserved appropriately. We will work with private owners to encourage restoration and maintenance. We will continue to advocate for protection of relevant sites through heritage provisions in town planning and development activity.

The rare lava forests near Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek walkway, Withiel Thomas Reserve, Gribblehirst Park and Almorah Road are some of the last remaining naturally forested areas in central Auckland. We would like to increase knowledge of our special natural heritage areas and involve our community in looking after them. We will continue to protect these landscapes through our existing parks restoration programmes.

We also recognise that as a community our culture and heritage continues to grow and be created. You have told us that cultural diversity is something you value. We will look for ways to enable all the different groups that make up our community to participate in shaping Albert-Eden's cultural future.

“ We will continue to advocate for protection of relevant sites through heritage provisions in town planning and development activity. ”

Opportunities

- We have well-established heritage events, such as the Mt Eden and Greenwoods Corner business associations’ annual heritage events.
- We have completed historic and character heritage surveys in Balmoral and Pt Chevalier that can be used to identify buildings for future protection.
- We have active historical societies in Mt Albert, Waterview, Pt Chevalier, Epsom and Mt Eden.

Challenges

- Many of our heritage buildings and natural features are on privately-owned land.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

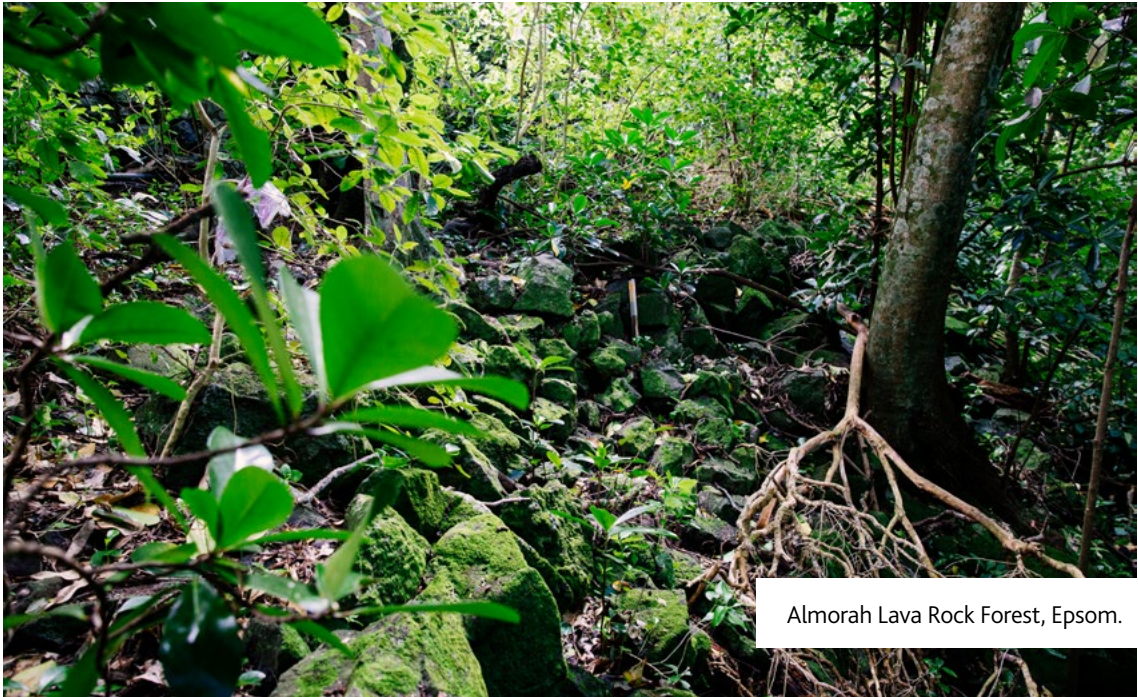


WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “Albert-Eden’s heritage is of value in creating context for new residents and our growing population.”
- “Gather local stories and history, including Māori stories and history, and show these through the landscape and installations.”
- (“It is important to) strengthen the cultural roots and history of the area.”

Outcome 6: Our natural and cultural heritage is valued

Objective	Key initiatives
Our unique cultural and environmental heritage is identified and protected.	Work with our Māori cultural heritage advisors and mana whenua to learn more about culturally significant places and features in our area so that we can take steps to protect them.
	Continue to celebrate and promote our heritage through projects such as the annual Auckland Heritage Festival and support for local heritage events.
	Continue our programme of historic and character heritage assessments that identify buildings of heritage value for possible future protection.
Our culture and heritage is promoted and celebrated.	It is important to record our history. We will complete heritage brochures for Pt Chevalier, Waterview and Greenwoods Corner, to complement the brochures we have already completed for Ōwairaka-Mt Albert, Maungawhau-Mt Eden, and Balmoral-Sandringham.
	Create more heritage trails and add signs in parks and on walkways to include Māori language and heritage information.



Almorah Lava Rock Forest, Epsom.

Whakaotinga 7: He whai
whakaaro me te tiaki tonu tā
mātou i tō mātou taiao

Outcome 7: We respect and protect our environment

Our community cares for our environment and develops innovative ways to look after it. Our natural landscape is healthy and well looked after.

You have told us you are interested in caring for the environment and adopting sustainable practices. We believe protecting and improving our environment will benefit the quality of life in Albert-Eden now and in the future.

Key environmental priorities are protecting our coastal areas, addressing water quality issues in our waterways, increasing biodiversity, and maintaining ecological corridors. We will encourage a collaborative community-led approach in addressing all of these. We will also work with mana whenua to ensure they can contribute to our plans for areas significant to them.

We will prioritise increasing biodiversity through our park development planning, ecological restoration programmes, and stream enhancement projects.

Albert-Eden has a number of important ecological corridors that allow native species to move across our area and beyond. These include our waterways, rock forests, walkways and airways. We will encourage and support neighbours to care for the areas near them and continue to work with adjoining local boards to maintain and extend ecological corridors.

You have told us you would like to see more sustainability initiatives in our area. We will continue to seek out and support innovative community projects such as the Central Community Recycling Centre in Western Springs. We will also encourage and support sustainable business initiatives.

We know reducing carbon emissions is something many of you are passionate about. We will work towards becoming a carbon-neutral area and support low-carbon initiatives at a neighbourhood level.

You have told us you are concerned about chemical usage in our parks and street corridors. We will continue to work with our maintenance contractors to manage weeds by implementing the council's Weed Management Policy and advocate for alternative chemical-free weed management methods where appropriate.



Te Auaunga-Oakley Creek.

Opportunities

- We have strong volunteer groups, such as Friends of Oakley Creek and St Lukes Environmental Protection Society (STEPS), with long-term commitments to caring for our waterways.
- The Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek Action Plan provides direction for future management and maintenance of the creek and the area around it.
- We want to increase awareness of special places such as Motu Mānawa Marine Reserve, with its rich mangrove and saltmarsh habitats.
- Residents have expressed interest in learning more about how to manage and remove pest species from streams, maunga and coastline.
- Our Eco-Neighbourhoods programme to support sustainable, low-carbon lifestyles is well established and continues to grow.
- The development of the Auckland-wide urban forest strategy provides principles to underpin our approach to keeping Albert-Eden green.

Challenges

- Our urban stream catchments are vulnerable to flooding and pollution, and have known water quality issues.
- The interests of many parties must be balanced in managing and restoring urban streams, including volunteer groups, the council, contractors and neighbours.
- Our growing population and urban development will continue to impact important native plants and wildlife.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “We support a greater emphasis on waste minimisation and recycling, from a personal level through to groups and businesses. Though this is a council-wide issue, Albert-Eden could lead the way.”
- “Energy efficiency, transport and waste issues are key to reducing emissions and the local board could fund some key initiatives that will impact on this.”
- “I like the focus on respecting and protecting our environment, and coming up with neighbourhood level initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.”

Outcome 7: We respect and protect our environment

Objective	Key initiatives
Sustainable practices are encouraged and fostered.	<p>Support and develop local sustainability programmes in partnership with the community, for example the Eco-Neighbourhoods programme.</p> <p>Investigate carbon-neutral initiatives. This includes activity such as developing a local low-carbon plan, advocating for efficiencies in new infrastructure and upgrades to council buildings (such as solar power) and incorporating carbon-neutral principles in projects such as town centre upgrades.</p> <p>Work with our business community to encourage and support local sustainable business practices and initiatives, such as reducing the use of plastic bags.</p>
Our unique environment is protected and enhanced.	<p>Continue to support restoration initiatives focused on improving biodiversity and connecting ecological corridors in our waterways, parks, rock forests and coastline through funding and other resources. For example, we would like to support schools, environmental groups and local community volunteers to carry out projects such as planting days.</p> <p>Advocate to Watercare for separation of the combined stormwater and wastewater system, to help reduce pollution of our waterways.</p> <p>Work with volunteer groups, interested agencies and other local boards to develop a joint approach to managing and protecting shared waterways and addressing stream catchment issues, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Puketāpapa and Whau local boards for Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek• Waitemātā and Puketāpapa local boards for Waitītiko / Meola Creek and its underlying aquifer.

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere Carrying out our plan

To deliver against the outcomes of our plan we will:

- prioritise our budget to focus on the initiatives in the plan
- make the best use of our assets such as our community centres and parks
- set direction for council staff who are responsible for delivering our annual work programme
- work with others, including community organisations and partners, to deliver projects and services
- represent your views on matters of local importance.

In some instances, our role is limited to representing your views on matters of local importance because we do not have the decision-making authority and/or funding to carry it out. When this is the case, we will use our time and energy to influence the relevant decision-maker. We do this by advocating on your behalf or making formal submissions, ensuring decision-makers are aware of your views and our support for them.

Funding information can be found on page 44.

Empowering communities

We seek to empower and enable our communities. This means listening to what you want to achieve, directing council resources towards community aspirations, and supporting diverse communities to have an input into the things they care about and which matter uniquely to them.

We will prioritise activities led by the community, encourage and support people from all walks of life to actively participate in their community, and fully use their diverse talents, insights and contributions. We will work with others to enable our communities to achieve their goals.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

We have considered Māori outcomes throughout the development of this plan, and have heard and incorporated the feedback given by various individuals and groups. We are mindful that many of our natural features, including our maunga (mountains) and awa (rivers) are of historical, spiritual and cultural significance to mana whenua.

This understanding underpins our kaitiakitanga (guardianship) approach to all our natural areas. Throughout this plan we have highlighted where we have a shared interest with mana whenua in caring for the environment and identifying and protecting important Māori cultural sites.

We are looking forward to expanding growing existing relationships, and establishing new ones, with the 13 iwi organisations that have ties to our area.

We will continue to work with mana whenua to ensure the social and cultural needs of local people are considered and expressed.



Eric Armishaw Playground, Pt Chevalier.

He kōrero pūtea tahua

Funding information

The purpose of this section is to provide information on local board funding.

How local boards are funded

Funding is allocated to local boards through the council's budget setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, briefly described on page 11, make up part of the annual budget.

A financial overview for the Albert-Eden Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is included in Appendix 1 on page 46.

The council's budget setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

Details on levels of service for local activities are included in Appendix 2 on page 48.

Auckland Council's 2018-2028 10-year Budget

In June 2018, the council's Governing Body will adopt the 2018-2028 10-year Budget informed by local board plans. The 10-year Budget will need to consider all funding needs for Auckland and balance these with the need to keep rates and other council charges affordable. This balancing act may impact local boards' ability to carry out all the key initiatives in their local board plans.

Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund

Local boards can also access funding from Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund, which is allocated to deliver small transport-related projects.

The fund allocated to the Albert-Eden Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year was \$720,259.

How local boards spend their budget

Much of the budget available to local boards is required to keep our services going and maintain our local assets including parks, community centres, libraries and halls.

Local boards also have additional, discretionary funding they can spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities.

More information about local board budgets can be found in Auckland Council's Local Board Funding Policy on the council website, aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

The council is currently looking at ways to provide local boards with more flexibility over their budgets.

Āpitihanga 1: Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Appendix 1: Financial overview

Income, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Albert-Eden Local Board for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18
Operating revenue	
Local community services	1,590
Local parks, sport and recreation	34
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total operating revenue	1,624
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	4,603
Local governance	1,123
Local parks, sport and recreation	6,337
Local planning and development	1,155
Local environmental management	85
Total operating expenditure	13,303
Net operating expenditure	11,679
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	645
Local governance	-
Local parks, sport and recreation	8,285
Local planning and development	3,240
Local environmental management	-
Total capital expenditure	12,170



Meola Creek at Roy Clements Treeway.

Āpitihanga 2: Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Appendix 2: Local activities and levels of service

Local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities. These are described in the table below, along with levels of service statements. More information regarding levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement 2017/2018. This is available on the council website, aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local parks, sport and recreation This group of activities covers management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation.	Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches. Provide sports fields that are fit for purpose and cater for community needs. Provide programmes and facilities that ensure more Aucklanders are more active more often.
Local community services This group of activities contributes to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for the community to learn and recreate and by integrating arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders. Key activities include locally delivered Libraries and Information (Libraries) and Arts, Community and Event services.	Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities. Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting. Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities. Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.
Local planning and development This group of activities covers local business area planning, local street environment and town centres and local environment and heritage protection.	Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local environmental management Local environmental management activities work in partnership with locally based communities and iwi to deliver enhanced environmental outcomes (with a focus on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living) that contribute to Māori, community wellbeing and economy.	Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region’s natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage.
Local governance Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.	The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 where the survey measures determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2017/2018.



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Movies in the Parks at Tahaki Reserve, Mt Eden.



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